

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 15, 16 and 17 have been amendment.

Claims 7-9 have been rejected as allegedly indefinite. Claims 7 and 9 have been amended to address the indefiniteness problem.

Claims 1-26 have been rejected under §112 for alleged indefiniteness problem. The claims have been reviewed and amended to overcome the Examiner's concerns over indefiniteness.

Claims 1-4, 6, 10, 13, 15-17, 19, 20, 22 and 23 have been rejected as allegedly anticipated by Von Hofe. It is respectfully submitted that the claims as amended are not anticipated by Von Hofe.

Claim 1 as amended recites an applicator head having an applicator surface connected to an air suction source having at least two perforatable weak locations being recesses having a bottom which can be perforated by a suitable tool. Von Hofe does not disclose the claimed applicator surface having at least two perforatable weak locations being recesses having a bottom which can be perforated by a suitable tool, and therefore does not anticipate the claimed invention.

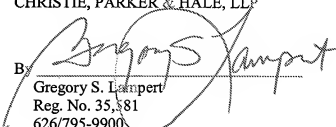
Claims 1-5, 13, 15, 18, 21 and 26 have been rejected as allegedly anticipated by Becker. It is respectfully submitted that the claims as amended are not anticipated by Becker. As recited, with respect to the rejection over Von Hofe, Becker does not disclose the claimed applicator surface connected to an air suction source having at least two perforatable weak locations being recesses having a bottom which can be perforated by a suitable tool, and therefore does not anticipate the claimed invention. Support in the specification for the claim amendments can be found in the English translation on page 4, beginning on line 12; and page 9, beginning on line 30.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, and, early indication thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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